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Under the Banner of Mary

A Sodality Retrospect of 1928.

1. The World.

It is scarcely necessary at the beginning of this new year to encourage all, under the powerful guidance of the Omnipotent God and the Glorious Queen of Heaven, to dare and to do whatever is possible for the good of the entire Church and for the spreading of the Sodality work throughout the world. This we know will be done. And the thought causes us joy in anticipation.

But quite another thing is the question of gratitude. Surely we cannot omit a word of thanksgiving, mingled with a holy and unselfish satisfaction, to Our Lord and His Blessed Mother for the more than ordinary benefits of the past twelve months. During this period we have seen a noticeable intensive and extensive advancement of the Sodalities: 939 new aggregations to the Prima Primaria is a very consoling number. Chile, France, Germany, Hungary, Poland and the United States have all held congresses of greater importance. Beginnings of national unions were put on foot in Argentine, Brasil, Germany. Worthy of notice also were the endeavors of the Sodalities on behalf of other important gatherings, as for example the Convention of Catholic Youth in Brasil. Yes, everywhere and in everyway have Ours manifested a spirit of intense Catholic activity.

Neither must we forget to mention those undertakings, which, though not so striking, give, perhaps, greater prospects of permanent results — namely: Sodality Instruction Courses and Leadership Schools for our youthful Sodalists and their Directors. Belgium and the United States have given excellent example along this line. Of their accomplishments Acies Ordinata has spoken time and again, and not unintenionally. For it is of the highest importance to form good Directors. Indeed, ordinarily speaking, one may, without fear of straying far from the truth, state that as is the Director so is the Sodality. Moreover, how can we hope to assist secular priests to correctly manage Sodalities, if we ourselves possess at the best only an inadequate concept of these Marian organisations? Highest praise and encouragement is also due those scholastics who, in accordance with the most earnest desires of Our Falther General, devote themselves to a serious investigation and discussion of Sodality topics by means of Academies established for this purpose. The nations taking the lead in this laudable activity are America, England and Lower Germany. Their labors will be blessed with future outstanding Directors and flourishing Sodalities.

2. Rome.

Perhaps it will not be without interest to the readers of Acies to hear of the changes which have taken place in the General Secretariate during the past year.

On account of persistent ill health the General Secretary, Rev. Albert Boegle was last summer by order of doctors compelled to return to his own provence of Austria; — from whence, let me remark, though burdened with his own Sodality publication, "Fahne Mariens", he is, for the time being, voluntarily editing the Latin Acies. — Meanwhile the affairs of the Secretariate were handled by the Asst. Secretary, Lawrence E. O'Keeffe, until in the month of December past he likewise returned to his province as Socius to the Provincial. To the latter has succeeded Father Cornelius E. Byrne of the same California Province.

The Editor of Acies feels that it will not be out of place, rather, highly proper to tender Father O'Keeffe public thanks for the charity, constancy and ability with which during the past three years he fulfilled his manifold duties as Editor of the English Acies, Business Manager of both the Latin and English editions; and while it remained in the City, English Editor of the Roman Bureau of Information (ORJ). Hence with the greatest pleasure we take this opportunity of making a public declaration that Rev. Father O'Keeffe has not only merited our own gratitude, but also that of all those interested in the success of the Secretariate. In the hands of Our Blessed Lady and those of her Son, on whose behalf he devoted so much of, and in so loyal a manner his every energy, we place his cause.

We have, therefore, the Editor of the English Acies, and the Asst. of the Secretary General, but not yet the Secretary himself. During the interim Father Aemelius Villaret is acting as Secretary General in all things relating to this office and must be dispatched at Rome (Borgo S. Santo Spirito 5). To Father Villaret are to be forwarded all requests for back numbers of Acies; to him also should be sent copies not needed[1]). But remember: Aggregations to the Prima Primaria do not belong to the General Secretariate. This duty is incumbent upon the Procurator General.

Whatever is meant for communication with Ours by means of Acies should be forwarded to the Editor: (Austria) Vienna, IX/1., Canisiusgasse 16. To this address, therefore, kindly send all Marian publications, new books, pamphlets etc. We earnestly request also that you make every effort to lighten the burden of the A. O. Editors, by furnishing them material in a form as nearly ready for the printer as is reasonalbe convenient. Your co-operation with us in this respect will greatly facilitate the preparation of articles for our modest little paper. For the time being, at least, we hesitate to promise that Acies will come out at monthly intervals. When sufficient news is on hand we shall print. Do not, therefore, grow uneasy at its tardy appearance. Our very best we shall certainly do, and we ask your most helpful assistance.

We take this occasion to request, as we have done so often before, that Ours observe most exactly the prescription of Very Reverend Father General not to mention Acies to those not of the Society. Only a short time ago we saw where A. O. was alluded to by one of Ours in a publication destined for outsiders. That whatever is printed in Acies Ordinata is at the prudent disposal of all of Ours, goes without saying, — in fact it gives us no little pleasure to perceive that our work is proving useful — but the source from which it is derived should not be divulged. However, should one be questioned as to the latter, name the General Secretariate.

Again. There has been a complaint by some that they have never been told the subscription price of Acies Ordinata. Such enquiries are truly encouraging. They tell us in unmistakable terms just what we want most to hear: that what we say has a real modern valuation. We thank you. But as to the subscription price there is none. Contributions are altogether voluntary; they are received with gratitude, shall be spent in a worthy cause, and they are acknowledged in Acies. You will make no mistake in being generous.

In conclusion we beg your kindliest cooperation in the editing of Acies Ordinata. By your prayers, moral support and copy assist us in the fulfilment of a most useful apostolate. Make us what we want to be and what the Society exspects: The International Mouthpiece of the Jesuit Sodality World.

[1]) To us send whatever regards the editing of Acies as, for example, questions, proposals, articles; changes of address or the number of copies to be mailed you.

Our Twofold Jubilee.

The last month of this year will usher in two festive days particularly dear to the hearts of all the faithful: On the 8th of December will be completed 75 years since the proclamation by Pius IX to an acclaiming Catholic world the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception, and twelve days later, on the 20th, His Holiness Pius XI celebrates the fiftieth aniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

It is almost to be taken for granted that, either within the narrower confines of a more private devotion, or together with their fellow parishioners, these happy occasions will be fittingly observed by the Sodalists in union with the Visible Head of the Church. One thing, however, we cannot refrain from urging upon all: On the 8th of December let there be made manifest in no unmistakable terms the existence of an uncommon movement, upwards and forwards in the spiritual life; a sharper attack against sin or whatever savors of it; and a decided renewal, if necessary, of the interior and exterior spirit of the Sodality. Delay is dangerous. The noteworthy Marian revival of 1904 constrains us. "Nunc coepi."

But as regards Our Holy Father now glorious reigning, the outstanding PiusXI; the Light of science, the Promotor of the missions, of union, and of Catholic Action; the friend and father of youth, the support and benefactor of numberless Russians, Armenians, Mexicans; in a word, the wise and prudent ruler of the Christian world: How are we his children going to commemorate His jubilee?

Unquestionably first and foremost by prayer. For the Supreme Pontiff and his enumerable cares embracing the entire world, fervent prayers should continually ascend like fragrant clouds of precious incense from the innermost sanctuary of each devoted Sodalist's heart. And would it, we wonder be too much to ask that a Spiritual Bouquet of prayers, masses, communions etc. be gathered by the members of the Sodality, and, through the medium of the head of the diocese or Bishop, be presented to the Holy Father?

Within the scope, too, of the gifts to be offered, may well be mentioned that of implicit obedience to the wishes of the Holy See. For it has happened not merely once that the Sovereign Pontiff has been forced to complain that his most earnest admonitions on Christian modesty in dress, the arts, games, and as regards all forms of amusements have received but scanty attention from a very considerable number of his children. To a Sodalist the answer is action! Catholic Action! Intensive Catholic Action! If sacrifice is the price, pay it! The steps to success are worn with sacrifices. Therefore "Macte virtute!" With the Holy Father; for the Holy Father — and to victory.

Neither must we forget that an effective rule of the Supreme Pastor of the faithful can never become a reality while there is wanting to him the very bones and sinews of all considerable undertakings in this exceedingly practical world of ours — money. He, who a few years ago as Achilles Ratti, gazed far across country from the peaks of the Alps, the same now as Supreme Pontiff, from a moral elevation, higher than which there is none on this earth, casts his eyes over the wide surface of man's terrestial home, desiring to nourish all minds with the word divine, and to strengthen all wills with the Bread of Life. Behold towards him outstreatched the thousand upon thousands of supplient hands! Hear the solicitous pleadings of his vigilant Bishops and Missionaries, necessity urging!

With all the resources at our command let us energetically, even in the future, come to the assistance of our Chief Pastor in a pecuniary way. For in spite of the recent peace established with Italy, the Holy Father is thereby none the richer. Indeed, perhaps somewhat poorer. If therefore all the Sodalists themselves liberally contribute, and urge

Importment Announcement.

For the purpose of effectuating a more orderly gathering of news as well as to facilitate the cooperation of our readers, the Editors of Acies have determined to propose frequent and well-timed questions whose answer will have an international interest. In conjunction with the article "Our Twofold jubilee" we have selected for this number the following question :

In what way are the Sodalists with which you come in contact preparing to celebrate the Twofold Jubilee?

An attentive reading of our article may suggest some latent ideas. Where more imperative duties prohibit the composing of something better perhaps a wider publicity than A. O. affords it may aid the good work? And what we say of this article applys equally well to whatever appears in this publication. Our only reason for existence is service. We want to serve you. May we?

others generously to contribute to the crying needs of the far-flung and ever growing empire of our beloved Spiritual Sovereign, many a care will be lightened and a duty performed, otherwise impossible; thus bringing joy to the heart, and peace to the mind of the venerable Jubilarian Priest.

It is also wholly within the mind of Pius XI that by our prayers, sacrifices and gifts we should bring succor to the Foreign Missions directly. For example by adopting a native candidate for the priesthood. — "Opus Sancti Petri."

In the Sodalities of the United States already for years it has been almost held as an axiom: "Every Sodality adopts a Mission, and every Sodalist a candidate for the Missions." Where individual means are insufficient, united with others could not something akin be accomplished?

Let us, therefore, by an ardent love for the August Pontiff, an exact obedience to his commands, and a tireless, patient labor in the fostering of his interests give to our fellow Catholics a notable example of sterling, resourceful helpfulness on behalf of the Holy See. And may those Sodalists who are able come to the Eternal City, to tender their personal tribute of filial devotedness to the lately released "Prisoner of the Vatican", Successor of St. Peter, and Vicar of Christ upon earth.

The Catechetical Council.

As the students themselves assert and experience seems to prove, there are many boys and girls, young men and women eager and willing to teach catechism.

In my experience of the last two years I found cities with fifty to one hundred volunteers waiting for some place to teach, and fifty or one hundred who hesitated about volunteering only for one reason — the fact that they feel they do not know how to teach catechism.

In view of this, perhaps the most essential thing in the success of the lay apostolate among our students is to prepare them adequately for teaching catechism. An unprepared teacher of catechism is quite as bad as an unprepared teacher of any subject and we can hardly expect boys and girls of high school and college to go out competent catechism teachers without any preliminary training.

What can be done in this regard has been admirably illustrated by the work of the C a t e c h e t i c a l C o u n c i l put into effect by F a t h e r J o h n H e n r y of the R o c k h u r s t H i g h S c h o o l S o d a l i t y (U. S. A.).

He is holding weekly classes in the teaching of catechism under the name of the Sodality Catechetical Council. This class in the teaching of catechism is attended by over one hundred students who are learning practical methods of teaching the faith.

We suggest this Catechetical Council as an essential preparation for our lay catechism teachers. It can well become a part of the program of any Sodality Union and the natural and inevitable leaders are our own zealous priests who would like to increase their own efficiency by training a group of well equipped, well prepared lay catechists.

D. A. L. S. J.

The Theologians' Sodality Academy.

Weston College, Weston, Mass. U. S. A.

"In harmony with the recommendations of Very Reverend Father General, a separate Sodality Academy for Theologians was inaugurated at Weston College, Weston, Mass., U. S. A., on the Feast of the Reign of Jesus Christ, October 28th, 1928.

The main work of the Academy is the study and discussion of the parts that go to make up a complete view of the Sodality as it manifests itself in our Colleges and High Schools.

The work has been so apportioned that every one of the 50 Theologians belonging to the Academy shall have a definite share in the final results. However, the chief fruit of each discussion will not be limited to the brief space of Semi-monthly meetings. Rather, the greater part of the benefit to be derived should accrue from the serious research work undertaken beforehand, from the constructive criticisms, and from the awakening of new ideas provoked by the discussion itself.

A neat, little Sodality Library has been gathered together, and a splended plan has been started to induce wise and judicious reading on Sodality topics. A modest Bulletin-board keeps the members in contact with Sodality activities in Schools.

The response and enthusiasm of the members point to a four-year cycle blessed with happy results for the Sodality movement in the United States."

R e m a r k. The Academy's four-year program on the next page will undoubtedly prove both interesting and instructive to our readers. We particularly recommend its careful study to all the members of Our Sodality Academies.

(Editor.)

Program of the Weston Four-Year cycle of Discussions.

Part I (First Year).

The Sodality and the Organization of Student Spiritual Activities.

I The Principle of Coordination and the Dangers of Diffusion.
II The Plan of Coordination.
III The Function of the Sodality Officers as the Students' Spiritual Council.
IV The Function of the Subordinate Committees of Sodalists.
V The Importance of the Director In the Plan.
VI Sodality Meetings — The Value and Need of Variety.
VII Types of Spiritual Meetings — Ordinary Meetings.
VIII Types of Spiritual Meetings — Extraordinary Meetings.
IX Types of Business Meetings.
X Types of Social Meetings and Social Programs.
XI Student Participation in Meetings.
XII Summary of Year.

Part II (Second Year).

The Sodalist's own Soul and the Spread of the Church.

I The Eucharistic Committee and Section — The Mass and Liturgy.
II The Eucharistic Committee and Section — Holy Communion, Visits, etc.
III The Eucharistic Committee and Section — Other Eucharistic Works, with emphasis on Sodality's dominating Loyalty to Christ.
IV Our Lady's Committee and Section — Devotion to her within the Sodality as an inspiration unto the Imitation of Christ.
V Our Lady's Committee and Section — Spreading that devotion to others.
VI The Mission Committee and Section — The Propagation of the Faith and the C. S. M. C.
VII The Mission Committee and Section — Various Methods of Adopting and helping Missions and Missionaries.
VIII The Mission Committee and Section — Personal Interest of Prayer, Study and so forth.
IX The Publicty Committee and Section — Bulletin Boards.
X The Publicity Committee and Section — Other Methods of Spiritual Advertising.
XI The Committee and Section On Membership and Social Activities.
XII Summary of Year.

Part III (Third Year).

The Sodalist and Special Apostolic Work.

I Apostolic Work — Its Meaning and Value to Sodalists and Students.
II Practical Answer — Do Students Perform It?
III The Catechetical Committee and Section — Various Methods and Opportunities for Teaching Catechism.
IV The Catechetical Committee and Section — Catholic Instruction League & Similar Works.
V The Catechetical Committee and Section — Retreat League Work and Similar Activities.
VI The Committee and Section on Vacation Schools.
VII The Committe and Section on Rural Missions.
VIII The Committee and Section For Charitable Works Among the Poor and for Entertainment for City Institutions.
IX The Committee and Section On Hospitals, Prisons and the like.
X The Committee and Section On Institutions For Deaf, Dumb & Blind.
XI The Catholic Literature Committee and Section.
XII Summary of the Year.

Part IV (Fourth Year).

The Ideals Aimed at in Solving special Questions.

I The Ideal of the Sodalists' Prominence in and Influence on Scholastic and Extracurricular Activities.
II Study-Clubs, Lecture-Groups, and Writing On Catholic Subjects.
III Catholic Social Action — Catholic Student Leadership in All Aspects of Life.
IV Vocations.
V Alumni Sodalities.
VI Faculty and Professional Sodalities.
VII Total Abstinence.
VIII The Sodality Ideal of Purity — and The "Respect Womanhood Crusade".
IX The Sodality and The Holy Name Society — The Question of the Apparent Conflict of the Sodality with Other Organizations.
X The Sodality and Coordination In the Parish — The School Sodality as Training School for Parish Sodality.
XI Sodality Unions — Sodality Conventions and Sodality Schools.
XII Summary of the Four — Year Cycle.

Practical Questions.

"Inactive, Supernumerary" Sodalists.

"W h a t i s m e a n t b y **"inactive" o r "supernumerary"** S o d a l i s t s," we have been asked. "T h e r e s e e m s t o b e n o m e n t o n o f t h e m i n t h e R u l e s."

It is true that the Rules do not speak of them, but nevertheless they exist in many Sodalities, and so with perfect propriety and sincerity, the fact has been admitted and the corresponding term adopted.

These "inactive" or "supernumerary" Sodalists were once regularly admitted to the Sodality but now for good reasons, which have been recognized as such by the Director they can no longer attend the common exercises of the Sodality, and this inability is permanent or at least will probably last for a long time. Such reasons may be a very long illness, or a change of domicile to another city.

They remain true Sodalists and enjoy all the rights and privileges of other members, unless the Director explicitly determines otherwise.

In some places such Sodalists are called "p a s s i v e," not a very happy expression it would seem.

The sincerity above referred to is very gratifying, because it tends to show the real condition ot the Sodalities.

It is quite misleading, in attempting to prove how vigorous a Sodality is, simply to state the number of the members or give their names, because almost everywhere in the course of time, some of the Sodalists, otherwise fervent, are forced to be absent from the meetings. Thus for example we remember a men's Sodality of more than 150 members who in former times were present in force at the meetings but today the greater part of them are scattered throughout the world, and out of the remnant of 40 who live near the site of the Sodality, some are kept from attendance by age, infirmity or the necessities of their position.

Hence Sodalities are much to be commended when they state clearly in their annual reports the real condition of their members. Methods vary in this matter. Some Sodalities place the name of the inactive members in a s p e c i a l l i s t by themselves; other Sodalities leave them among the names of active members, but mark them with an a s t e r i s k.

The month's best Idea.

Use Your Programs for Catholic Truth.

One of our students of Canisius College Buffalo, U. S. A., has suggested the back page of parish or school program as a place from which to broadcast Catholic truth.

Every one of our schools or parishes gets out programs in the course of the year. These programs reach thousands of prople, probably hundreds of thousands in the year. They are remailed to others, kept as souvenirs, left behind in street cars, passed through unumbered hands. Why not use them as billboards on which to broadcast Catholic truth?

Not long essays on Catholic subjects. Nobody will read them. Just pithy Catholic truths:

"Catholics gave the world the Bible long before Protestants were ever heard of."

"The greatest explorers and discoverers were Catholics."

"The Catholic Church stands for the purity of womankind and the safety of the home."

"The Church does not teach that Protestant marriage is invalid. That is a lie told about the Church, which respects the marriage of Protestants and regards it as legal."

"Pasteur, one of the greatest of modern scientists, was a Catholic."

Finding and phrasing the truths would be a fine bit of practice for our Sodalists.

Printing the truths in our programs would bring the truths to the immediate attention of the audiences that withess our school and parish productions.

And through the programs Catholic truth would reach the world. (The Queen's Work)

R e m a r k. The Editors of Acies like the above idea. They recommend it to Sodalities placed in similar circumstances. Moreover they would be pleased to hear of other helpful ideas that they might, by means of the A. O., be communicated to its readers.

Statistics of the Sodality Conventions U. S. A.

Middle West.

Up to the 9th of December, 1928, seven local Sodality conventions have been conducted in the cities of the Middle West. These conventions were conducted on exactly the same plan as the National Convention last August, except that they lasted only one day instead of three. The statistics that we print below will give the reader some idea of how successful these conventions have been and of the large number of students who have taken part in them.

Place	Date	Student Attendance	Schools Registered	Number of Student Talks
St. Louis .	Oct 14	1,015	19	58
Toledo . .	Nov. 1	953	17	46
Omaha . .	Nov. 3	502	18	58
Kansas City	Nov 4	1,053	25	47
Detroit . .	Nov. 17	1,356	43	50
St. Mary's .	Nov. 25	205	10	31
Denver . .	Dec. 9	804	17	51
TOTALS		5,888	149	341

SODALITIES OF OUR LADY

Aggregated to the Prima Primaria from January 1 to December 31, 1928.

	Priests and Clerics	Men	Men and Young men	Young men	Boys	Students	Total	Women	Married and Single women	Unmarried women	Girls	Students	Total	Both sexes	Grand Total	Preceding Year (1927)
AFRICA																
Algeria										4			4		4	1
Madagascar (I) .								3					3		3	9
Various places . .											1		1	1	2	
AMERICA																
Argentina						4	4			2			2		6	
Brazil			1	2	1	1	5			6	2		8	2	15	13
Canada		1	2	4	2	1	10			8	1		9		19	30
Chile			1	4	1		6	1	1	10	4		16		22	
Columbia				1	2		3	3		1	1		5		8	
United States . .		3	1	10	5		19	18	7	100	11		136	17	172	181
Various places (II)		1			1		2	3	3	12	9		27		29	
ASIA																
China						1	1		2		2	1	5		6	
India		3	3	5	3	1	15	5	1	3	8		17	1	33	23
Java		1		2			3			1			1		4	2
Philippines . . .				1			1			2			2		3	4
Various places (III)					2	1	3			3			3	2	8	
EUROPE																
Austria	2	4		1	5	2	14	3	1	10	9		23		37	31
Belgium				3		2	5				13		13		18	37
Czechoslovakia .		1		1		2	4	1	2	11	3		17	1	22	19
England				1				3	1		11		15	4	19	28
France		2		4	2	1	9			19	9		28		37	28
Germany		7	1	27	2	1	37	8		77	14		99	1	137	163
Holland		2	1	15	2	2	22	3	2	2	16		23		45	74
Hungary		2		1		10	13	4			17		21		34	30
Ireland					2		2		2				2		4	9
Italy				3		4	7	5	1	3	3		12	2	21	20
Jugoslavia	1	2		4			7	4		4	6	2	16		23	27
Poland	1	2		3	1	31	38	12		10	12	30	64	2	104	67
Portugal		1	1	1			3	2		3			5	1	9	21
Spain		1	1	10	11	4	27	1	5	16	10		32	3	62	52
Switzerland . . .	3	2		3	3		11			12			12		23	29
Various places (IV)				2			2	1		3			4		6	
OCEANIA																
Australia					1		1				2		2		3	20
Fiji Islands . . .											1		1		1	
Total . . .	7	35	12	107	46	67	274	80	28	322	165	33	628	37	939	(967)

58 of these are "Children of Mary" Sodalities.

(I) Island of St. Mauritius 1. Vic. Ap. of Good Hope 1.

(II) Cuba 1. Jamaica 4. Martinique Island 1. Mexico 1. Nicaragua 6.

(III) Ceylon 3. Japan 1. Dutch East Indies 4.

(IV) Luxemburg 2. Lithuania 1. Denmark 3.

THE GRAND TOTAL of Aggregations to date is 52, 219.

Bombay Sodalists welcome new Archbishop.

Under the auspices of the Men's Sodality of the Immaculate Conception St. Peter's, Bandra, a reunion of the various Sodalities of Bombay, Salsette and Bassein was held in St. Peter's Compound, Bandra, on the 27th of January past, to tender an affectionate welcome to their new Archbishop, the Most Revd. Joachim Rodrigues Lima, S. J.

There were present more than three thousand Sodalists, representing 45 Sodalities of Bombay and the Suburbs.

In the address of welcome read by the Prefect of the Men's Sodality, among other things, His Grace was assured that the Sodalists assembled were endeavoring to the best of their ability to "propagate the Faith, to defend it againts the onslaughts of its enemies, to help the Missionaries with pecuniary support, to foster vocations to the Apostolic Life, and to practice the frequent reception of Holy Communion."

In reply His Grace dwelt on the solid piety that should characterize a true Sodalist, emphasising that it should be an active piety and express itself by good works, such as the fostering of vocations, helping to spread Catholic literature, and setting an example of Christian modesty in dress.

During the manifestation a telegram was received from His Holiness Pius XI, granting the Apostolic Blessing to His Grace the Archbishop of Bombay, and to all the Sodalities and members of over three thousand assembled to honor him.

National Convention of Boys' Sodalities. U. S. A.

A Convention of Boys' Sodalities will be held in Chicago, Ill. U. S. A. around the third week of June of the present year. A more exact date cannot be given until word is received as to the time set for the Convention of the Catholic Student Mission Crusade. It being the wish of those in charge of the Sodality assembly to hold their reunion just prior to that of the C. S. M. C. so that an opportunity may be thereby affored the delegates so desiring, to conveniently pass from the Marian meeting to the Convention of the Crusaders.

The Diplomas

presented to Sodalists on the day of admission to the Sodality offer as great a variety in form and design as are the number of nations in which they are issued. Since it not unfrequently happens that our counsel is sought for on this subject of diplomas, we would be greatly facilitated when advising by having on hand as large an assortment of them as possible from which to form our opinion. Hence we earnestly request all Directors to send to the Editor (Vienna IX/1., Canisiusgasse 16, Austria) specimens of their own diploma as well as of those Sodalities with which they come in contact. We thank you.

Saints and blessed men.

Who were directors or members of Sodalities.

The following names were sent us by Rev. A. de Becdelièvre (Province of France).

Blessed Noel Chabanel, who died a martyr in Canada Dec. 8, 1649, is indicated in the Society's Catalogue as: "Pater Sodalitatis Scolasticorum in Collegio Ruthenensi (Rodez) Provinciae Tolosanae."

Blessed Charles Francois Le Gué, Martyr (1792), was a student and Sodalist in the College of Rennes (Collegium Rhedonense Provinciae Franciae).

The same can be said of Blessed René Marie Andrieux; † 1759.

New Books.

Las Congregaciones Marianas. 107 p. Santiago de Chile, 1929. Federación de Congr. marian. —

Libro de Preces para uso de las Congregaciones Marianas. 96 p. Buenos Aires, Colegio del Savador. —

Koch — Donnelly, A. Nobleman of Italy (S. Aloysiius), 166 p. London, 1928. Sands & Co. —

Goretti Miniati — Fiocchi, Manuale ad uso delle Congregazioni Mariane. 751 p. Roma, Via del Seminario 120. —

Journées des Directeurs tenues à Rennes (Juillet 1928). 96 p. Reims, Cahiers Notre-Dame, (37, Rue de Venise).

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P. J. Benković, Skoplje, Serbia, 30 L. it.
P. M. Clavell, Buenos Ayres, 500.
P. E. Debuchy, Lille, France, 35, 80.
P. Ph. Delon, Holy Cross, Alaska, 75,20.
P. I. Echenique, Caracas, Venezuela, 50.
P. R. Fayos, Valencia, Spain, 147.
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